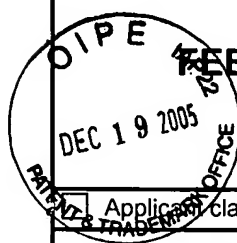


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Filing Date	April 7, 2004
First Inventor	Stephen Martone et al.
Group Art Unit	3739
Examiner Name	Beverly Meindl Flanagan
Atty. Docket Number	501061.02

☐ Applicant claims small entity status (see 37 C.F.R. 1.27)

METHOD OF PAYMENT (Check One)

☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 and 1.136(a)(3) and credit any over payments to Deposit Account No. **50-1266**; Deposit Account Name: **DORSEY & WHITNEY LLP**.

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Extra Claim Fees

Current Claims	Prior	Extra	Fee	Fee Paid
Total	20		\$	\$
Ind.	3		\$	\$
Multiple Dependent Claims			\$	\$
Subtotal (Extra Claims)				\$0

Petition Fee Under 37 CFR 1.17(f), (g), & (h)

Enclosed is a Petition filed under 37 CFR as indicated below:

- ☐ Petition Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(f) **Fee \$400**
- § 1.53(e) to accord a filing date.
§ 1.57(a) to accord a filing date.
§ 1.182 for decision on a question not provided for.
§ 1.183 to suspend the rules.
§ 1.378(e) for reconsideration of decision on petition refusing delayed payment of maintenance fee in expired patent.
§ 1.174(b) to accord a filing date to an application under §1.740 for extension of patent term.
- ☐ Petition Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(g) **Fee \$200**
- § 1.12 for access to an assignment record.
§ 1.14 for access to an application.
§ 1.47 for filing by other than all inventors or person not the inventor.
§ 1.59 for expungement of information.
§ 1.103(a) to suspend action in an application.
§ 1.136(b) for review of a request for ext. of time when §1.136(a) not avail.
§ 1.295 for review of refusal to publish a statutory invention registration.
§ 1.296 to withdraw a req. for pub. after notice of intent to publish issued.
§ 1.377 for review of decision refusing to accept a maintenance fee filed prior to expiration of a patent.
§ 1.550(c) for request for ext. of time in *ex parte* reexam. proceedings.
§ 1.956 for request for ext. of time in *ex parte* reexam. proceedings.
§ 5.12 for expedited handling of foreign filing license.
§ 5.15 for changing the scope of a license.
§ 1.5.25 for retroactive license.
- ☐ Petition Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(h) **Fee \$130**
- § 1.19(g) to request documents in a form other than provided in this part.
§ 1.84 for accepting color drawings or photographs.
§ 1.91 for entry of a model or exhibit.
§ 1.102(d) to make an application special.
§ 1.138(c) to expressly abandon an application to avoid publication.
§ 1.313 to withdraw an application from issue.
§ 1.314 to defer issuance of a patent.

FEE CALCULATION (Continued)

3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Large Entity Fee	Small Entity Fee	Fee Description	Fee paid
50	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	\$
130	65	Surcharge - Late nonprovisional filing fee or oath	\$
180	180	Submission of IDS	\$180
40	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	\$
120	60	Extension for reply within first month	\$
450	225	Extension for reply within second month	\$
1,020	510	Extension for reply within third month	\$
1,590	795	Extension for reply within fourth month	\$
2,160	1,080	Extension for reply within fifth month	\$
790	395	Submission After Final 1.129	\$
500	250	Notice of Appeal	\$
500	250	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	\$
1,000	500	Request for oral hearing	\$
130	65	Terminal Disclaimer Fee	\$
800	400	Design Issue Fee	\$
790	395	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	\$
130		Request for voluntary publication or republication	\$
500	250	Petition to Revive - unavoidable	\$
1,500	750	Petition to Revive - unintentional	\$
200		Filing for patent term adjustment	\$
400		Request for reinstatement of term reduced	\$
1,120		Extension of term of patent	\$
OTHER FEE (specify)			\$

Subtotal (Additional Fees) \$180

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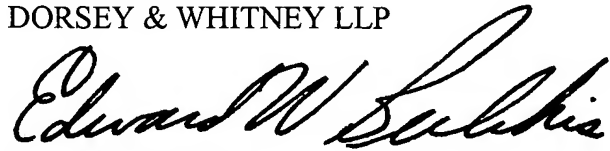
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A fee of \$180 is submitted in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c). The Commissioner is authorized to charge any other fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1266. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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